

**REMARKS**

In this Amendment, Applicants amend claims 1, 6, 14, 22, 27 and 35-42. Claims 1-42 are pending in this application.

Applicants amend claims 1, 6, 14, 22, 27, 35, 37, 39, 40, 41 and 42 by incorporating the features of judging or detecting the quality deterioration “based on a quality of a group of individual communication between the mobile stations and the base station” in view of the Board’s remarks on pages 5 and 6 in the Decision on Appeal. In particular, Larijani and Itoh do not teach or suggest judging or detecting the quality deterioration “based on a quality of **a group of individual communication** between the mobile stations and the base station. Accordingly, claims 1, 6, 14, 22, 27, 35, 37, 39, 40, 41 and 42 and dependent claims 2-5, 7-13, 15-21, 23-34 and 36 that depend from them should be allowed.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)  
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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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